

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 8, 2005.

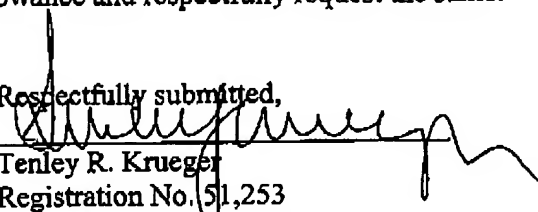
CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-5, 8 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,437,043 (*Sosa*) and Claims 6-7, 9-17 and 19-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sosa* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,318 (*Bowen*).

Bowen teaches in opaque film. *Sosa* does not teach or suggest the block copolymer of the present claims. The styrene-conjugated diene-styrene block copolymer of the present claims is further explained in U.S. Patent No. 4,939,208 (*Lanza*), submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement herewith. See, column 2, line 50 to column 3, line 22. Such reference is the same reference discussed in the interview and further demonstrates that such block copolymer has a specific morphology such that the styrene units in each end block have different content. The references, either alone or in combination, do not teach, show or suggest the styrene-conjugated diene-styrene block copolymer producing an impact modified polystyrene having a haze value of less than or equal to 12 percent, as recited in the pending claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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